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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A weed extractor having,
an elongated handle shaft and a weed engagement portion extending there
from, said weed engagement portion comprising,
a jaw support element ~~registerably affixed to~~ angularly offset to the
longitudinal axis of said handle shaft extending from angularly offset to the
longitudinal axis of said handle shaft extending from the shaft at its distal end,
a movable jaw assembly pivotally secured to said jaw support element
inwardly of its free end,
resilient means extending from said jaw assembly to said jaw support,
an activation arm pivotally secured to and extending from said handle shaft
in spaced relation to said jaw support element adjacent the distal end of said handle
shaft,
a connection rod extending from said jaw assembly to said activation arm.
2. (original) The weed extraction device set forth in claim 1 wherein said
handle shaft has the longitudinally offset parallel handgrip portion.
3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The weed extractor set forth in claim 1 wherein said movable jaw assembly comprises a jaw portion and a lever portion in transverse and spaced relationship to said jaw support element.

5. (canceled)

6. (original) The weed extractor device set forth in claim 1 wherein said activation arm is of a known length so as to be selectively engaged with the ground when said jaw assembly is in planar relation to said ground.

7. (currently amended) The weed extractor device set forth in claim 1 wherein said jaw assembly has an open position and a closed position in response to movement of said handle shaft relative said activation arm when engaged with a ground surface.

8. (currently amended) The weed extractor set forth in claim 7 wherein said jaw is in a closed position, said activation arm ~~becomes~~ functions as a fulcrum for said handle shaft when engaged on said ground surface and when said jaw is in a closed position.

9. (currently amended) The weed extractor set forth in claim 1 wherein said resilient means extending from said jaw assembly to said angularly offset jaw support comprises a coil spring.

10. (original) The weed extractor set forth in claim 1 wherein said handle shaft is telescopically adjustable along its longitudinal axis.

11. (original) The weed extractor set forth in claim 1 wherein said handle portion has a parallel angular offset grip engagement portion.